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TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN ANHWEI AND TAIWANSOUTH ANHWEI HIGHWAYS -- Shen Pao, 1 Apr 49

Most of the highways in southern Anhwei have been closed since World War II due to lack of funds. With the development of the civil war situation in this area these highways have assumed a new importance. The following lines are now reported open:

1. The Fan-T'ung-Ch'ing (Fan-ch'ang--T'ung-ling--Ch'ing-yang) line is under emergency construction and will be ready for traffic very soon.
2. The Ch'ing-ssu (Ch'ing-yang-ssu) line now open to scheduled traffic.
3. The T'un-ch'i--Yu-ling-kuan National Highway has been open for some time.
4. The Ching-Wu line, a National Highway from Nan-ching to Kiangsi is open.

BRANCH RAILWAY PROJECTED IN TAIWAN -- Hsin Sheng Pao, 19 Mar 49

The Taiwan provincial assembly, with the concurrence of Governor Ch'en, has just authorized the construction of a branch railway line from Chikuto to Naivan, a distance of 12.5 kilometers. The purpose is to provide an outlet for the rich mineral and forest resources of this region. Surveying will be completed within a month, after which the line is to be built in the shortest possible time.

The new line will have two stations, two long and 17 short bridges, and one tunnel 80 meters long. Grades will not exceed 2.5 percent.

A total of US \$277,000 for material and 26 billion Taiwan yuan for labor will be required. This will be supplied by loans from industrial firms and the Bank of Taiwan, to be repaid out of operating revenues according to a schedule fixed by the provincial assembly.

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